

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 17-20 were pending in the application as of the issuance of the Office Action dated December 31, 2009. According to the foregoing amendments, claim 1 has been amended and claims 3 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice to their prosecution in this or a subsequently filed application. Accordingly, after the amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 17, 18 and 20 will remain pending in this application.

Support for the amendments to the claims may be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. Specifically, support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found at, for example, claims 1, 15 and 16, as originally filed.

No new matter has been added by the claim amendments. The amendments to the claims and the cancellation of certain claims should not be construed as an acquiescence to the validity of the Examiner's rejections and were done solely in the interest of expediting prosecution and allowance of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in the current one or more further applications.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The interview conducted between Examiner Robinson and Maneesh Gulati on December 22, 2009 is gratefully acknowledged. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' counsel discussed proposed amendments, as set forth above, that would place the application in condition for allowance.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited thereon and acknowledge such consideration by initialing the PTO Form SB/08 filed concurrently therewith.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-13 AND 17-20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 and 17-20 on the following grounds:

- 1) Claim 1 has been objected to as lacking clarity;

- 2) Claims 1-13 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking written description with respect to the claimed invention as it relates to expressing ferritin; and
- 3) Claims 1-13 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement with respect to the claimed invention as it relates to expressing ferritin.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Notwithstanding the foregoing, solely in the interest of expediting examination and in no way acquiescing to the validity of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended the pending claims as recommended by the Examiner, thereby rendering the foregoing rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the foregoing rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

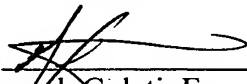
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees paid herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CNZ-006USRCE, from which the undersigned is authorized to withdraw.

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